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Dear Sir:

This is a Supplemental Response to replace the Applicant's Amendment dated March 08, 2006 for Office Action dated November 15, 2005 and in view of an Examiner interview dated April 27, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Applicant believes that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500282.